

N.H. EMERGENCY MEDICAL & TRAUMA SERVICES  
COORDINATING BOARD

September 19, 2013  
NH Fire Academy – Concord NH

**Approved Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Susanna Ayers, Doreen Gilligan, Jason Grey, Eric Jaeger, Don Johnson, Rae Mello-Andrews, Stacy Meier (Vice Chair), Richard O'Brien, Michael Pepin, Greg Placy, Peter Row, Eric Schelberg, David Strang (Chair), Mark Tetreault, Dennis Tobin, Grant Turpin, Helene Zielinski.

**Members Absent:** Frank Hubbell, Ron O'Keefe, Rosemary Durning

**Excused:** Michael Cloutier

**Guests:** Fred Heinrich, Mark Hastings, Pamela Drewniak, Jeanne Erickson, Jason Preston, Dave Hilts, Mary Ellen Goudreau, Jeffrey Stewart

**Division Staff:** Vicki Blanchard, Kathy Doolan, Shawn Jackson, Richard Cloutier

**Welcome/Introductions – D. Strang, Chairman**

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Strang. Introductions were made. David Hilts, attorney for Department of Safety (DOS) (replacing Sheri Kelloway) was welcomed. New Bureau Chief Nick Mercuri was present via remote and welcomed.

**Acceptance of 7/18/13 Meeting Minutes – D. Strang** – E. Schelberg made a motion to accept the minutes as written; S. Ayers seconded and all present voted to approve the minutes.

The floor was turned over to Chief Mercuri. He briefed everyone on the conference he was attending in Nashville and also gave some background on himself. He also mentioned that he has met with Dave Hilts and Kathy Doolan regarding the rules and the changes being made. He thanked Eric Jaeger for stepping up to help with the upcoming Trauma Conference.

D. Strang spoke about the selection of Deb Pendergast as Director of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services and Bureau Chief Phillips updated everyone on the process of her nomination. Hopefully, the process will be complete and she will be in place in time to attend the November meeting.

There was an outline of the proposed rule changes in everyone's packet. Kathy Doolan and Dave Hilts reviewed and went over the proposed changes.

Motion was made by D. Strang; seconded by R. O'Brien to remove 5903.09(d) from the list. Approved unanimously.

Motion was made by E. Jaeger; seconded by R. O'Brien to leave the **25%** in 5909.06(e). Approved with 2 oppositions: S. Meier and J. Grey.

Motion was made by J. Grey; seconded by S. Meier to leave the proposed change to 5911.02(c)(3) ("shall be denied") **as is**. Approved with one opposition: P. Row.

Motion was made by J. Grey to accept the document of proposed changes to administrative rules; seconded by D. Johnson, minus the 5903.9 proposal concerning anonymous complaints which will be addressed at the November meeting. All were in agreement.

### **NH EMS Medical Control Board (MCB) Report – F. Hubbell**

Vicki Blanchard gave an update on the morning's MCB meeting (F. Hubbell was absent) and updated/went over some protocol changes. Complete minutes can be viewed on the Division website once approved.

Spinal protocol was approved. There was a lengthy discussion on use of over the counter medications (Benadryl, etc.) and it was decided not to address it at this time. There was an additional discussion about solu-medrol, which ended up being tabled. Another discussion about the behavioral emergencies protocol was tabled pending further studies. Fever and hyperthermia protocols were approved. There was also a discussion about synchronizing the rollouts.

### **NH Bureau of EMS Report – nothing this meeting.**

### **Updates on EMT-I and AEMT – Shawn Jackson**

Shawn reported that the statistical data for test completion has remained unchanged at the AEMT level. We are maintaining well above the national average. There will be training for Pearson Vue test administrators on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is anticipated that in the weeks thereafter the mobile exam will be on line and ready to deliver the AEMT exams. Liza Burrill has been instrumental in making sure the exam prep program stays afloat. They are looking to add more presenters. There have been 300 exam vouchers issued for AEMT testing to date.

### **Ambulance/Licensing Update – Kathy Doolan**

Kathy said the subcommittee continues to meet and there will be a drafted set of recommended rule changes to go over at a later date. She said the group is working through the equipment list as well. Once completed there will be a proposal to bring forth.

### **Trauma Conference Update – Eric Jaeger**

Eric Jaeger updated everyone on the upcoming Trauma Conference as follows: the date is November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Mountain View Grand Resort in Whitefield. He said it will only be one day and be more focused. He says they have some terrific speakers lined up and will have more information for EMS providers this time. Dave Mooney, from Children's Hospital, will be there to talk about the Boston Marathon Bombings and the preparation for that kind of event and also the events of that day. They will also talk about the new spinal trauma protocol. There will also be paramedics and nurses speaking.

PEGASUS Project.....Tom D'Aprix and the MCB have been looking at the New England wide protocols.

### **Tough Mudders and Mass Gatherings Discussion –**

D. Strang initiated the discussion concerning the Tough Mudders event held this summer at Gunstock. There was a meeting with Director Plummer, N. Mercuri, D. Strang, D. Hilts and Nancy Smith from the AG's office. It was decided to address this topic through a best practice document. Chief O'Brien then spoke about his conversation with Nick about these types of events. He said it can occasionally overwhelm local resources and the way to solve this is through effective planning. FEMA put out a document for EMS event planning in 2012. Chief O'Brien said he would like to reassemble the Best Practice Committee again next month (October) through a conference call. He said he will e-mail the guidance deployment document from FEMA to everyone for them to look over. Anyone interested in participating in this get your e-mails to Kathy Doolan.

### **EMS Annual Awards Ceremony**

Kathy Doolan said because of funding issues the location has been changed to the Concord City Auditorium, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m., with much better parking accommodations. Hope to see everyone there!

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

**Next Meeting – Thursday – November 21, 2013**  
**Location – Fire/EMS Academy – Concord**

